

2017 Annual Water Quality Report

The 2017 City of Santa Barbara Water Quality Report is now available. Visit SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Water to view the report to learn more about the sources and quality of your drinking water.

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PROPOSED CITY WATER RATES FOR FISCAL YEARS 2018, 2019, & 2020

The City's water rate structure is based on a comprehensive rate study that uses a rate model to evaluate cost of water service, as required by California Proposition 218. Revenues generated from water rates recover the costs associated with the operations, maintenance, and infrastructure necessary to provide safe and reliable water service.

Why are water rates changing?

- Adjustments to water rates are necessary to generate the appropriate amount of revenue to pay for ongoing costs due to drought conditions and changes in water supplies, and to meet debt obligations and City Council policy reserve requirements.
- The proposed rates assume a 30% conservation target. The City continues to rely on its customers for extraordinary conservation measures to preserve remaining water supplies during the ongoing drought.

How will the proposed changes impact my water bill?

While rates are changing for all customers, the majority of our customers are single family residential customers. The table below shows sample water bills for single family homes based on various levels of usage and a 5/8" meter. All customers are encouraged to use the online water rate calculator at SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Water to see how the new rates could impact their bill.

Usage Level	Monthly Usage (HCF)	Current Bill	Proposed FY18 Bill	Proposed FY19 Bill	Proposed FY20 Bill
Low	4	\$42.74	\$43.65	\$45.12	\$46.68
Moderate	10	\$120.56	\$121.41	\$122.88	\$124.44
High	20	\$295.46	\$295.09	\$296.56	\$298.12

The average single family home uses 9 HCF per month and would see their water bill increase from \$107.59 to \$108.45, for FY18, reflecting a difference of \$0.86 (or an increase of approximately 0.8%). To see detailed information on proposed fixed and volumetric water rate changes, visit SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Water.

When do the new rates take effect? City Council will consider adopting water rates on August 15, 2017. The new rates will be effective immediately.

How do I stay informed?

- Watch City Council meetings live online at SantaBarbaraCA.gov/CityTV or tune in to City TV Channel 18.
- Explore updated information on drought conditions, conservation, and rates at SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Water.
- Contact City staff at (805) 564-5460. Para información en Español, llame al (805) 564-5343.
- Attend City Council meetings; City of Santa Barbara Council Chambers, City Hall, 735 Anacapa St., Santa Barbara.

WHAT DO I DO WITH MY PLASTIC BAGS?



Even with the adoption of our single-use plastic bag ordinance, some local residents receive and use plastic bags. We currently do not recycle plastic bags or other types of thin film plastics like saran wrap, pallet wrap, peel-away plastic seals on food containers, food bags and wrappers, or any other type of flexible plastic wrapping. **What to do with plastic bags:**

- Don't take them at all. (Bring your reusable bag when you shop!)
- Return them to your grocery store and place in their bag recycling receptacle.
- As a last resort, reuse them as small trash bags or bag them inside each other and place in your trash bin.

Our general rule-of-thumb is that if you tap the plastic object on a hard surface and it makes a knocking noise, it should be placed in the blue bin.

Thank you for recycling, and know that we accept and truly recycle all that we can.



City Trash & Recycling

NEW ZONING ORDINANCE IS COMING!



The City's Zoning Ordinance establishes zone classifications, permitted uses in each zone, development standards and regulations, and the development review process for projects.

The New Zoning Ordinance includes substantial organizational and formatting changes, with some changes to development standards. However, it does not propose any changes to the standards that control growth in the City: residential density, nonresidential growth limits, or building height. Examples of changes include:

- Revising the names and classifications of most zones
- Combining three limited commercial zones (C-P, C-L and C-1) into a single zone (C-R)
- Narrowing the range of allowed uses in manufacturing zones
- Allowing neighborhood markets in residential zones
- Standardizing parking requirements, including food service uses (retail food, restaurants, bars, etc.)
- Clarifying and expanding regulations regarding nonconforming building and uses.

The New Zoning Ordinance, previous staff reports on the NZO effort, and additional information is available at SantaBarbaraCA.gov/NZO.

The City Council will hold a public hearing on the New Zoning Ordinance on Tuesday, July 11, 2017. A Council Agenda Report that provides details on the New Zoning Ordinance and amendments to related regulations will be available on July 6, 2017.

For information or to submit comments, please contact Marck Aguilar, Project Planner at MAguilar@SantaBarbaraCA.gov, by phone at 564-5470, by mail at P.O. Box 1990, Santa Barbara, CA 93102-1990, or in person at the Planning Division Office, 630 Garden Street.

Sign up for eBulletin notifications on this project at SantaBarbaraCA.gov/NZO.



Thursday Nights in July
from **6-8:30pm** in **Chase Palm Park**
(on the Great Meadow stage)

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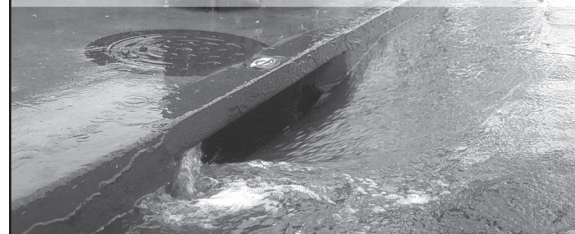
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or online at www.sbcreeks.com.

Cash for Making Your Garden More Water Wise!



Get a rebate of up to 50% of the material costs of pre-approved irrigation equipment, water wise plants and mulch, laundry to landscape graywater materials, and smart irrigation controllers.

Any combination of irrigation equipment and planting costs may qualify for a one-time, maximum **rebate of \$1,000 for homes and \$4,000 for businesses**. Rebates are not retroactive and a pre-inspection is required.



FOR MORE INFORMATION:
call 564-5460, or visit
SantaBarbaraCA.gov/WaterWise



**Summer Reading and Learning Program
for All Ages**

Read books, attend performances,
and participate in events

Tuesday, June 12 through Monday, July 31

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